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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council met for Executive Session from 6:30-7:35 at Wind Gap Boro Hall to discuss Real Estate/Bank Financing and Personnel Matters being negotiated.

The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, December 18th, 2012, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Council President George Hinton, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilpersons: Kerry Gassler, Dave Hess, John Maher, Tony Curcio and Jon Faust. Also in attendance were Mayor James Shoemaker., Borough Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Borough Engineer Brian Pysher, and Borough Assistant Administrator Darlene Plank.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Kerry Gassler to approve the Borough meeting minutes of December 03, 2012 and seconded by John Maher. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler reported that the Wind Gap Ambulance Corps responded to 72 calls through the month of October and 697 calls for the year. The 3rd Ambulance is close to passing inspection for the EMS Council. At the last meeting approved the 2013 budget .
2. Fire Co. – Dave Hess had nothing to report. Jon Faust stated that the Wind Gap Fire Company had 24 calls for the month and 162 for the year.
3. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that there were no new applications for a ZHB meeting, therefore, no meeting will take place in the month of January.
4. Planning – George Hinton stated that the next Planning Commission meeting will take place on January 10, 2013 to discuss the property behind the Elementary School. An Extension form needs to be signed to give the Borough more time with the application process. **On motion** by Kerry Gassler to sign the Extension of Time for the Subdivision of Wind Gap Borough, and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.
5. Municipal Authority – George Hinton filled in for John Maher at the last meeting.

George stated that at the last meeting the Municipal Authority talked about their raises, the hourly people did not get a raise and the salary people got a \$1,000 raise and picked up an addition to their insurance (insurance went up by 9.5%). George informed them that the Borough is going to be improving Utica in the upcoming year.

6. Streets – Dave Hess reported that Randy finished up the leaves for the year. He has been doing a lot of coal patching for the year, he has been out and about doing what he can do by himself. Louise asked about salt. She said we should try to take another load. Randy said we don't really have room for it, but he could try to get 1 load to fit. We will coordinate with Louise when she gets back.

7. Police – Mayor Shoemaker reported that for the month of November the police had 107 calls to include 10 EMS assists, 10 animal complaints, 2 borough ordinances, and 1 fire response. The police department investigated 4 motor vehicle accidents, and 12 traffic violations issued. The police department received a letter from the American Legion Home Association donating \$1,000 toward new equipment for the department. We need to send them a Thank You note.

8. Park – Joe Weaver was not present at the meeting to report.

9. 911 – Tony Curcio stated that there is nothing to report.

10. Tipping Fees – Tony Curcio stated that there is nothing to report, no changes.

11. Building Finance Committee – This matter was discussed in Executive Session. George Hinton reported that he and John Maher met with Lafayette Ambassador Bank, First Northern Bank of Palmerton, and Merchants today to review the finances on the MSG property. The Committee's recommendation was that we move forward and sign the agreement with Merchants Bank as they had the best presentation and offer overall for the Borough. **On motion** by John Maher to sign the agreement with Merchants Bank, and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.

12. GIS – John Maher had nothing new to report. He commented that he attended a regional presentation for GIS users and conducted a presentation on the Borough project.

13. Zoning Ordinance Changes (Signs) – Jon Faust stated that they haven't had a chance to get together for a meeting yet. He will get something set up in the New Year.

14. Banners – Mayor Shoemaker stated that we have 26 people for 1 banner, 14 people for 2 banners, we need 30 people for 1 banner to get the discount/bulk price. He said we may have to just get the summer banners first. We need 4 more people to place our order. We want to get the order in for the May deadline.

15. Property Maintenance Code – John Maher reported that instead of property maintenance he has incorporated a lot of the concerns into the nuisance ordinance. He stated that we have a nuisance ordinance #455 on the books and he wants to add things for the pets, and some other concerns. John stated Section 2 is new (definitions). Kerry stated he wants everyone to get a copy of the old ordinance to compare the changes.

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Shoemaker reported that the Slate Belt COG is in recess for the month of December for the holidays and will resume in January. The COG sponsored a holiday concert to benefit the YMCA – it was a huge success.

A hearty thank you to Lucy Flinn, Cathy Yob, and all the park board and sponsors in decorating the park. We received a lot of praise from citizens about the new park lights.

NEW BUSINESS

George Hinton mentioned the MSG agreement of sale to see if anyone wanted to make a motion to sign the agreement. **On motion** by John Maher, that Council signs the MSG Agreement of Sale, and seconded by Kerry Gassler. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.

Sale Agreement Amendment. Ron Karasek recommended Council amend the original sale agreement motion to include the items recommended from the committee and the items discussed in Executive Session. **On motion** by John Maher, to amend the original sale agreement motion to include the conditions outlined during the Executive Session, and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 479 of the Borough of Wind Gap, fixing the real estate tax millage rate for the calendar year 2013. **On motion** by Kerry Gassler for Council to approve ordinance 479, and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Tony Curcio, and seconded by John Maher the meeting of December 18th, 2012 was adjourned. Council agreed unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.

The meeting of December 18th, 2012 adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Darlene C. Plank, Asst. Borough Administrator